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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A7966

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For: GEL-SWELLABLE LAYERS ON FIBERS, FIBER RIBBONS AND BUFFER TUBES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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